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SUBJECT: CSCE: DIVIDED FAMILIES

REF: A) 76 STATE 205933; B) SOFIA 719

1. AS PROMISED REF A, DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED MONTHLY
DIVIDED FAMILY AND BINATIONAL MARRIAGE REPORTING REQUIREMENT
ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1976. THE APPROACHING BELGRADE FOLLOW-
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UP MEETING A;D GROWING PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
CSCE BASKET III AND HUMAN RIGHTS PROVISIONS MAKE CLOSE
MONITORING OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION STATISTICS ESSENTIAL.
ALSO, IN MARCH 15 TESTIMONY BEFORE JOINT LEGISLATIVE-
EXECUTIVE CSCE COMMISSION, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
ARMITAGE SAID IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM COMMISSIONERS THAT
DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE COMMISSION WITH MONTHLY DIVIDED

FAMILY STATISTICS. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE SUBMISSION OF REPORTS IN PRESENT FORMAT.

2. IN REF B, EMBASSY SOFIA USED MODIFIED FORMAT TO SHOW STATUS OF NON-PROBLEM CASES. THIS IS A USEFUL, DETAILED ANALYSIS. WE REALIZE THAT BULGARIA, LIKE OTHER EE COUNTRIES, ROUTINELY RESOLVES SOME DIVIDED FAMILY CASES WITHOUT USG REPRESENTATION. HOWEVER, THE DEPARTMENT'S FORMAT REQUIRES

MONTHLY IV ISSUANCE WHICH IS GOOD GENERAL INDICATOR OF ROUTINE RESOLUTION OF CASES. WE BELIEVE THAT SOFIA'S FORMAT WOULD PROVE A BURDEN ON POSTS HAVING VERY LARGE NUMBER OF DIVIDED FAMILY CASES. TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDING IN COLLATING FIGURES IN DEPARTMENT AND PRESENTING THEM TO THIRD PARTIES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL POSTS USE SAME CRITERIA IN COMPILING MONTHLY REPORTS.

3. WHILE WE WOULD WELCOME COMMENTS FROM OTHER ADDRESSEES ON PRESENT FORMAT OR ADDITIONAL ANALYSES OF FIGURES WHICH POSTS WISH TO SUBMIT, WE REQUEST THAT UNTIL NOTIFIED OTHERWISE POSTS INCLUDE IN EACH MONTHLY REPORT SECTION WITH FIGURES IN PRESENT FORMAT. WE MUST HAVE FIGURES IN THIS FORMAT TO FULFILL OUR COMMITMENT TO CSCE COMMISSION. POSTS SHOULD ALSO REVIEW PARA 4 OF REF A FOR DEFINITION OF "ACTIVE" CASES.

4. WE REMIND POSTS THAT REF A REQUIRED SUBMISSION OF REPORTS DURING FIRST WEEK OF EACH MONTH. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT GIVEN CONGRESSIONAL AND CSCE COMMISSION

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